

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 268

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the  
Tennessee College of Applied Technology  
Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take pleasure in honoring those  
exemplary educational institutions that are preparing our citizens for the technology professions  
that are increasingly fueling our workforce; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) Knoxville is  
celebrating fifty years as the premier technical training institute in the region; and

WHEREAS, TCAT Knoxville has served the residents of East Tennessee since it  
originally opened as Stair Technical High School in September 1945; and

WHEREAS, in 1947, Stair Technical High School was renamed the Veterans Training  
Center and relocated to surplus U.S. Army property; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, the General Assembly directed the State Board for Vocational  
Education to locate, establish, construct, and operate a statewide system of area vocational-  
technical schools; and

WHEREAS, thus, the Veterans Training Center was transformed into the Knoxville State  
Area Vocational-Technical School in 1967 and moved to a newly constructed campus at its  
present location, 1100 Liberty Street; and

WHEREAS, from 1967 until 1984, the Knoxville State Area Vocational-Technical School  
was operated through a contractual agreement with the Knoxville City Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, in July 1984, this contract was dissolved, and the Tennessee Board of  
Regents became the administrative head of the institution; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2013, the institution was renamed TCAT Knoxville by the Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, today, TCAT Knoxville is a public post-secondary institution operated by the Tennessee Board of Regents and offers twenty-six full-time training programs and sixteen part-time programs; and

WHEREAS, TCAT Knoxville is the fastest growing TCAT in Tennessee, having experienced 139 percent growth in the past three years as a result of Tennessee Promise and Tennessee Reconnect; last year, TCAT Knoxville surpassed 1,000 students enrolled in a trimester; and

WHEREAS, TCAT Knoxville offers special industry training to ten of the largest manufacturers and businesses in the region; and

WHEREAS, TCAT Knoxville has satellite campuses at Pellissippi State Community College Strawberry Plains, Anderson County Career and Technical Center, South Doyle High School, Oak Ridge High School, and Byington-Solway Career and Technical Center; and

WHEREAS, TCAT Knoxville is presently working with the Board of Regents to open new satellite campuses in Blount and Anderson counties by January 2019; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years, TCAT Knoxville has provided quality vocational and technical education to the citizens of East Tennessee, and this proud legacy continues today as technology becomes more vital to our economy and society; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that on the occasion of the school's fiftieth anniversary, we honor and commend the administration, faculty, staff, graduates, and students of the Tennessee College of Applied Technology Knoxville for their ongoing commitment to preparing the students of today for the workforce of tomorrow.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.